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Happy Birthday USA!

You may be 233 but you still look good to me!

WB3KAB, Silent Key. *Robert DiPasquale passed away on Memorial Day, Monday May 28, 2008. Bob was 70 years old. Bob was a member of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club from the late 1970s until he retired and he and his wife Bunny moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE.*

Bob was part of a group of "young" hams named by Jim Spencer, W3BBB, as "The Dirty Dozen."

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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** ..... at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net** ..... at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB
- **ARES** at 2100L on the W3QV repeater

Committees

Archives: NG3P	DX: N3MT	Program: Club VP	TVI: W3VVS
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	Net Control: KB3IV	Sunshine: N3GLU	
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All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at **Roxborough Memorial Hospital,** 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128
Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**
Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations **W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System**
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA ***Trustee:*** **W3RM**
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz
Reach us on EchoLink through WU3I-L
W3EM: Field Day/special event station *Trustee:* W3VVS

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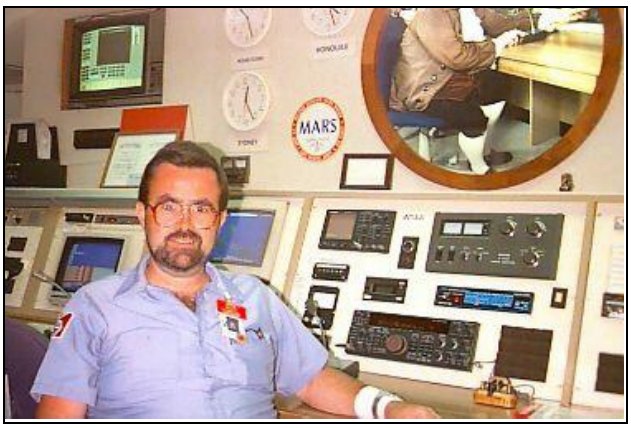
The Prez Sez…



Just returned from a very relaxing weekend at the campground and hate to be back. This coming weekend is FIELD DAY and you all know how busy I get then. Hoping to see a bunch of folks stopping by to visit and operate. Of course by the time you read this it will be over. There are no meetings in the 2 summer months of July and August. Please have a great summer and get back here safe and sound in September for the First general meeting of the Fall and the MS150(can't break out of the old name). I am planning a motorcycle trip to Newburgh NY this summer with my grandson to see the new Orange County Choppers building and Store. More to come about that in a later issue. See you on the Radio!

de Steve, WU3I

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. had:
85 FULL PAID MEMBERS
8 FAMILY MEMBERS
1 YOUTH MEMBER
2 HONORARY MEMBERS
1 PENDING MEMBER

ARRL VEC

June test results:

Three candidates came out and took 4 elements.
Two upgraded to general and one to extra for a 75% success rate!

The June Thursday evening session results weren't available at press time.- Ed

JULY BIRTHDAYS

02 Ted Katz - N3OWM
Alice Popovic- (XYL W3AOK)
03 Nicole Bohlander- (XYL WA3KLR)

10 Natalie Gordon - WB3KOH
James Perry - KJ3P
12 Grace Smith- (XYL K3GBA)

14 Larry Clifford - W3UY

23 Art Weiner - WX3PHI
25 Jinny Haring - W3IIN

27 Robert Hill - KB3HNB
29 Jim Larkin - KA2FFP
31 Steve Hoch - WU3I

WB3KAB, SK *continued*

Bob loved DXing, and rag chewing on 2 meters and rarely missed a meeting when Phil-Mont was at the Franklin Institute. His Amateur Radio awards included DXCC, about 200 + QSL cards "On the Wall", WAS, and more. I think that one of the highlights of his Ham radio career was when we visited W1AW and worked that station. As a strong family man ,Bob was lucky to have a beautiful wife , Bunny, and he was a devoted father of two children, Dawn and Bob Jr.
A Veteran of the U S Navy Bob had served on aircraft carriers along with his brother Hank. Ironically, Bob hated flying. He was one of the most patriotic men I have ever known, and he died on Memorial Day.
Bob DiPasquale will be sorely missed by all of us.

Mike Concordia

de WB3KAC

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of a former member of Phil-mont, Bob DiPasquale, WB3KAB. Bob joined PMRC in the late 1970's along with a group of new armateurs, myself included, who were known as "The Dirty Dozen," and was a member of PMRC until he moved south in the late 90's.

DiPASQUALE

ROBERT J. Sr., on May 26, 2008of Lansdale, formerly of Lower Gwynedd and Rehoboth Beach, DE, beloved husband of Bernadette "Bunny" nee Coyle DiPasquale, devoted father of Dawn M. Hoey and Robert J.DiPasquale, Jr. (Patrice); also survived by 5 grandchildren and brothers Urban, Hank, Richard and ThomasDiPasquale. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his Funeral Mass on Monday, June2nd at 10:30 A.M. at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic Church, 1325 UpperState Road (between County Line and Horsham Rds) in Montgomery Twp. where the family will receive friends Monday from 8:45 to 10:15 A.M. Interment St. John Neumann Cemetery. For those desiring, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation,PO Box 19840, Santa Barbara, CA 93190-1840 would be preferred. Arrangements by SIMCOX-McILVAINE FUNERAL HOME, LANSDALE

De Don, KOJ

New member application

KB3RGN has applied for membership and has paid initiation fee. He was present and was introduced at the June general meeting

Gary Bruff - KB3RGN
1023 Northridge Drive
Jeffersonville, PA 19403
Phone: 610-539-0926
D.O.B. - 12/18/1956
License Class: Technician
E-mail address: GaryBruff@msn.com

(Gary was licensed at our May 22 VE test session)

de Dick, W3RM

From the Secretary

Minutes of the Board of Directors, 6/4/08

The meeting was called to order at 1958 hours, attending were Steve WU3I, Bill W3AOK, Ed KB3IV, Dick W3RM, Eric N3QV, Fred WA3KIO and Al W3STW. Dick reported on the Club's May '08, income and disbursement activities commenting further that the club's finances are in good shape. The report was accepted by the board.
Net control chairman Ed is looking for HF and VHF/UHF volunteers for the club's Sunday morning nets. After a brief discussion an AI (action item) was identified regarding the May 8th 2m net control. Al W3STW will resolve the AI.
A short verbal review of Field Day preparation indicates that wire antennas will be the antenna of choice. Further discussion reveals that there is a new launching tool among us that will do the job better than any previously used.
Eric, Ed and Maggie K3XS resolved a web page AI that makes it easier to keep information correct and up to date.
Bill reports the recently purchased repeater equipment and installation and the W3QV repeater system are performing satisfactorily.
A motion to adjourn the meeting was approved at 2107 hours.

Minutes of the General Meeting, 6/11/08

The table of refreshments looked like something from a TV commercial and the usual suspects of do good (you know who you are) were making sure no face in the area went unattended. However, party time ended at 1950 hours. Club President Steve, WU3I, called the meeting to order then asked us to introduce ourselves to one another. Having reached the summer hiatus, Steve thanked the guests, a guest but surely not a stranger Mrs. Mim Roeshman (the xyl of Ben, W3LKI), and Gary, KB3RGN (a candidate for Club Membership) for coming out tonight and gave thanks to the Membership (those attending and those who could not attend) for their support of the Club's activities, and hopes their support will continue for field day and the MS150 bike tour happening later this year.

Club Treasurer Dick, W3RM, gave a brief report on the Club's financial support of the Jack Haring and Jim Spencer Scholarships. The scholarship winners will probably be announced during field day. Dick reports Club money matters are under control and reminds us that next year marks the Club's 60th anniversary and that plans to celebrate this fact should be considered by the Membership.

Volunteer Examiner chairman Jim, NS3K, reports two test sessions will be held this month. Note: the Extra Class question pool changes the end of June. Jim also says there will be test sessions held during July and August, see page 2 of the Blurb for more details.

Net control chairman Ed, KB3IV, reports he has received some help in staffing the Sunday morning nets but could use more volunteers. Contact information may be found in the 2008 Club Directory. You can download the net control preamble from the Club's web page, download it and stand in front of a mirror and practice, practice, practice orating it then get in touch with Ed and pledge your support.

Our hats off, to Maggie, Ed and Eric for going the proverbial extra mile to update the Club's web page. An idea to section off a portion of the web page designated for "members only" generated a small discussion as to what information should or would be made available, stay tuned to the Blurb on this one.

Bill, W3AOK, reports that the repeater shack needs a coat or two of paint; he's looking for a work party to complete this task, if you can help contact him via the Club's Directory. Bill also reports recent repeater upgrade equipment has been installed and is working.

Emergency Coordinator Larry, K3HWE, received an e-mail from Eastern Pennsylvania Section Manager Eric Olena asking for **Amateur Radio at the Philadelphia Women's Triathlon. The Triathlon Date is July 12, 2008. Four or Five Operators are needed July 12, from 7AM finishing at 10:30AM.**

The contact for this event is Michelle Redrow: 856-308-7522. Al, K3ZMJ, reports the passing of K3EOQ, the Club sends condolences to the family and friends.

There being no further Club reports Vice President Eric, N3QV, called field day chairman Carmen KE3QB to present to nights program which is "Field Day" some of the salient points are: activity will start Friday June 27th at the Ft. Washington State Park a sign(s) will (should) be posted, if you plan to be fed from the Club's dining facility tell Carmen and/or Steve WU3I, we will probably 4 or 5 alpha, receipt of field day shirts and pins is a problem and Carmen states he will cancel our order those operating are reminded to have a copy of their license with them and to not operate on frequencies beyond their privileges. The meeting adjourned 1012 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Al, W3STW, Secretary

Hey, check out the new and improved Phil-Mont web page! (www.phil-mont.org)

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Get on the calendar!

Net control operators needed every Sunday morning. Contact Ed, KB3IV ... and tell him I sent you!

N3MSS TO ALL STATIONS!

For those of you who do not know, N3MSS is the official special event call sign for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Delaware Valley Chapter, Bike MS City To Shore bike ride.

It's that time of year again, and we are putting out the call to all licensed operators and their families to be a part of and volunteer to this Public Service Special Event. My name is Carmen DeCicco (KE3QB), and I am the Communications Coordinator for the event.

Last year we outdid ourselves in bringing out over 100 volunteers to support this cause and event. With our enhancements and experience this year, let's make it much better. The dates of the event are September 27th and 28th, 2008 (Saturday and Sunday). Attached you will find a sign up sheet, waiver, and t-shirt support form.

We will keep this correspondence short. So, if you want the great feeling of doing something in the effort to make a world free of MS, while at the same time fullfilling our civic duties as Amateur Radio Operators helping with public service, save those dates and get your completed forms in early. You have the option to either print and mail back the forms, **go to the on-line sign up form at https:\\www.ruh.info\ms150comm.nsf\signup?openform**, or return it to this e-mail address. Whichever way you choose, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your anticipated help, 73, and we look forward to seeing you out there.

The 2008 NMSS Bike MS City to Shore Communications Team.
Carmen DeCicco, Communications Coordinator

With Much Appreciation

73, Carmen, KE3QB

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Fourth...and then some!

In the United States, **Independence Day** (commonly known as **the Fourth of July**) is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics, baseball games, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States, but is often also viewed as simply a summer festival, apart from its patriotic overtones.

Observance

- In 1777, thirteen guns were fired, once at morning and again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.
- In 1778, General George Washington marked Independence Day with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.
- In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.
- In 1781, Massachusetts was the first legislature to recognize Independence Day.
- In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held the first celebration of Independence Day in the country with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled "The Psalm of Joy"

- In 1791 was the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day"
- In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- In 1941, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday. The residents of Vicksburg, Mississippi, celebrated Independence Day for the first time since July 4, 1863, when the Siege of Vicksburg ended with a Union victory during the American Civil War.

• In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the U.S., and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become President of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary. President James Monroe died exactly five years later, on July 4, 1831, though he did not sign the Declaration of Independence.

• In 2006, the first Space Shuttle launch on Independence Day occurred at 2:37:55 EDT for mission STS-121 using the Space Shuttle Discovery.

• Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, was born on July 4, 1873.

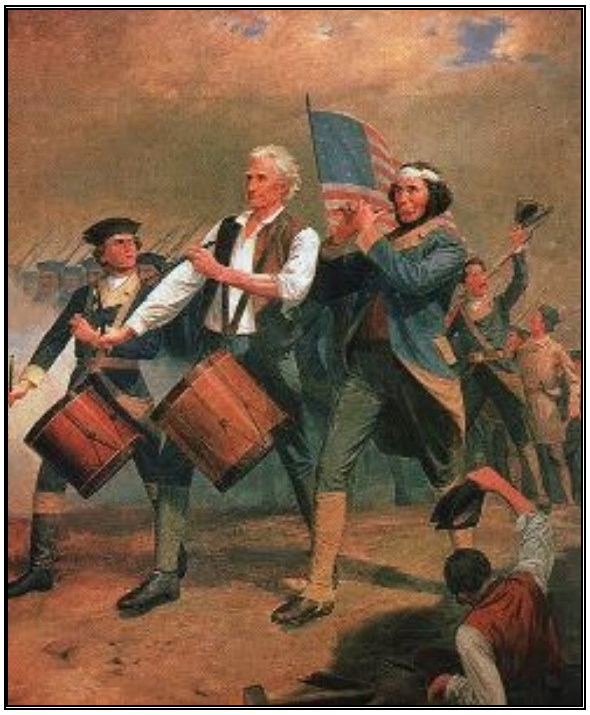
de Wikipedia

The correct date for the HARC picnic at Pennypack Park is Sunday, August 24th.

***Just in case you missed it...* you can find the signup form for MS150 here:**

https://www.ruh.info/ms150comm.nsf/signup?openform

de Lou, WX3I



Boy was Betsy Ross mad when she heard about her new flag being shot up!

Well I managed to get off this weekend and plan to participate in some way in Field Day. It'll be my first and I don't know exactly what to expect but I look forward to it! I'll just pack up whatever I can think of that I or someone else might need and bring it along on Friday. Camping is on my list of fun things to do right up there with root canal and getting a colonoscopy so I don't think I'll be sleeping over. (Eileen, my YL, keeps trying to persuade me to go to the Philly Folk Fest where she volunteers each year and camps out for 5 days. They need communication people badly, but what can you do with a bunch of 20 year old battery operated HTs?)

Hope it's a great weekend! I'll report my impressions next time. - Ed

Know what your shack is missing? A cat!
Go adopt one. Now.
(Preferably one of mine!)

July at PMRC...

No club meetings July or August

4th	Friday- Independence Day
6th	Sunday net- K3XS *NCS*
13th	Sunday net- WB3KOJ *NCS*
20th	Sunday net- KC2PMW *NCS*
24th	Thursday- VE test session
27th	Sunday net- WU3I *NCS*

And don't forget the **ARES** net every Sunday night at 2100L on the club repeater. Larry, K3HWE, wants to hear from ***you!***

HF rig *and* HOUSE for sale:

We're selling the house and moving to a place with more, bigger trees and lots of room for dogs to get into mischief. So if you know someone who is looking for a nice row home in Chestnut Hill please pass on my contact info.

Still available: Icom 746Pro, HF-2meters 18 months old, low mileage. Contact your editor for a test drive!
KB3JWK@ARRL.net or call 215-908-7225

Thanks and 73 de Rick, KB3JWK

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